

**Commissioners Meeting**  
**March 17, 2015**

**Present:** David Gogel, Al Logsdon, Jim Seiler, Chuck Painter, Attorney Jeff Lindsey, Auditor Autumn Winkler

Meeting was called to order by President David Gogel at 1:17 P.M.

**Minutes**

Seiler made a motion to approve the minutes from the Executive Session. Logsdon seconded the motion, motion was approved.

**Claims**

Logsdon made a motion to approve Batch #3098. Seiler seconded the motion, motion was approved.

**Highway Report**

Painter handed out the list of 2015 added CEDIT Roads. Painter explained that if the Commissioners planned to move forward with this plan all the roads listed would have to be added to the CEDIT Plan. All roads listed are blacktop and will be covered with a binder base with wedge and level and then covered with a layer of chip and seal. Logsdon made a motion that all county roads listed be added to the 2015 CEDIT Plan on the recommendation of Painter. Seiler seconded the motion, motion was approved. Painter will release the first bid on April 7<sup>th</sup> for the roads in Fulda. Painter informed the Commissioners he plans to bid more roads out together in hopes of not running so late in the year. This should also help us get better quotes. A Common Construction Wage Hearing needs to be scheduled for the end of May. Lindsey will work on getting a date set up.

Meunier Subdivision – Allen Meunier contacted Painter and told him he hopes to complete the subdivision this year. Painter said the subdivision ordinance states that it is up to the owner to get the roads to county specs before we accept them. Logsdon made a motion to have Painter and Gelarden speak with Meunier about the roads and report back. Seiler seconded the motion, motion was approved.

**Mowing Bids**

Lindsey presented the one bid that was submitted from Four Seasons Lawn Care.

Courthouse Grounds - \$80.00/wk

Off-season monthly - \$7.50/mo.

LEC - \$70.00/wk

Off-season monthly - \$7.50/mo

Seiler made a motion to approve the bid from Four Seasons Lawn Care. Logsdon seconded the motion, motion was approved.

**Cum Bridge Hearing**

Gogel gave some background information on why this hearing is necessary and what benefits it can give the county. The Cum Bridge rate has been advertised at the max rate of 0.10/100.00 dollar of assessed value. This rate will stay in place until budget time when the County Council will adjust to whatever rate they feel we can handle. It was then open up for the public to make comments. Lindsey presented Ordinance 2015-02 to establish the Cum Bridge rate at 0.10/100.00 dollar of AV for 1<sup>st</sup> reading. Logsdon made a motion to approve the 1<sup>st</sup> reading of Ordinance 2015-02. Seiler seconded the motion, motion was approved.

**Legal Report**

**Union Contract**

Lindsey has been in contact with Rick Voyles about the updated union contracts and was told they were to vote on it soon. Changes have been made to the holidays and sick days. We will wait to hear back from Voyles before taking any action.

**Troy Refinery**

Lindsey has been doing research on the ownership of Lincoln Ferry Park and the adjoining strip of land. He spoke with Kevin Rowland, a surveyor with INDOT, and Rowland stated he shows no record of them holding title for the strip of land. Lindsey will continue to research this, but stated it might be possible to file a quiet title action to notify the public if they have any interest in the property to come forward. If there is no interest, it may be possible for the county to claim the

land. INDOT is interested in possibly getting rid of the park and the strip of land. The county will check and see if any organization has interest in obtaining the Lincoln Ferry Park. It is not in the county's best interest to obtain the park themselves, due to the maintenance required for a park. Lindsey advised the county to move forward with getting a quote to survey the Troy Refinery property.

#### **Engineer**

Gogel stated that in the past it was discussed about getting some proposals from Engineers on retaining them as needed for an hourly rate. These services could be paid out of contractual services and would only be utilized on an as needed basis. Lindsey will work on preparing the specs for proposals.

#### **Auditor's Office Furniture**

All furniture will be moved to the auditorium and made available for anyone interested. Any furniture remaining will be declared excess. Logsdon made a motion to declare all desks as surplus property. Seiler seconded the motion, motion was approved.

#### **South Spencer Marching Band 5K**

The South Spencer Marching Band has requested the use of the courthouse restrooms for a 5k fundraiser; date is yet to be determined. Logsdon made a motion to approve the request, contingent on a county employee being present. Seiler seconded the motion, motion was approved.

#### **Melissa Brockman-Spencer County Visitor's Bureau**

Brockman presented the 2014 Annual Report and stated that 2014 was a great year for Spencer County Tourism. There has been a large increase in web traffic and media relations. 2015 is expected to be another successful year.

#### **Elliot Englert – Indiana 15**

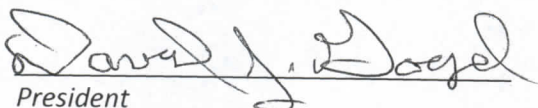
Englert came to present the findings of the Old Spencer County Jail. Lead base paint, asbestos, and some subsurface residue from underground storage tanks were found. The levels are below industrial/commercial, so as long as the property is not used for residential there is really not a big concern. Englert gave the commissioner's information about an OCRA grant that can be used on blighted properties. He stated that Lisa Gehlhausen was our person to contact on this type of grant. There is a \$150,000.00 demolition amount available with a 10% match required on the total project cost. Gogel stated that he feels we need to move forward with demolition if his fellow commissioners are in agreement. We will contact Lisa Gehlhausen about attending the April 7<sup>th</sup> meeting to start the process of obtaining an OCRA grant. Englert stated he believed the Troy Refinery project will be released in 1-2 months.

#### **Gay Ann Harney**

Harney presented a Notice to Voters of polling locations. Logsdon made a motion to approve the list of polling locations. Seiler seconded the motion, motion was approved.

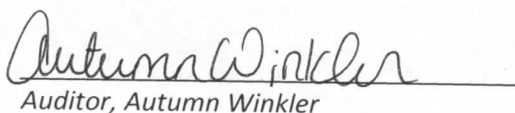
Harney also presented a request from the Friends of Lincoln Boyhood to hold their Civil War Ball on September 19, 2015. Seiler made a motion to approve the request. Logsdon seconded the motion, motion was approved.

Logsdon made a motion to adjourn. Seiler seconded the motion, motion was approved.  
Meeting was adjourned at 3:08 P.M.

  
President



Attest:

  
Auditor, Autumn Winkler

